

Member Sues to Force GHI To Ban Neighbor’s Smoking

by Mary Willis Clarke

Greenbelt may be becoming a frontline in the tobacco wars which are raging between smokers’ rights advocates and clean air activists. Greenbelt Homes, Inc (GHI) has been sued by one of its members for failing to enforce the provision of the Mutual Ownership Contract which requires members to refrain from “any act or thing that shall or may be a nuisance, annoyance, inconvenience” to their neighbors. The GHI member/plaintiff includes his next door neighbors of 14 years in the lawsuit claiming that the next door neighbors/civil defendants’ smoking in their unit and on their patio is a nuisance interfering with his enjoyment of his property and posing a danger to his health from secondhand smoke.

In a civil suit filed in Prince George’s County Circuit Court, the non-smoking GHI member seeks \$300,000 in compensatory damages plus an additional \$300,000 in punitive damages to his health and the diminished market value of his cooperative townhouse unit. He also seeks an injunction banning his neighbors from smoking inside their townhouse or in the adjacent yards and a declaration that GHI violated his Mutual Ownership Contract when it did not forbid his neighbors to smoke. His attorneys in the lawsuit are Smoke-free DC board member J. P. Szymkowicz and Rita Turner who is the deputy director of the

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Sequoia Austin, Walk-on, Is Now Basketball Star

by Jim Link

Sequoia Austin is a diminutive 5’ 5” and her jersey number – “0” – means “nothing.” There is nothing small, however, about her impact on the Maryland Terrapins women’s basketball team. Since she walked on to Coach Brenda Frese’s nationally-ranked squad without a scholarship at the beginning of the 2010 season, Austin has hustled her way into the hearts of fans, gained the respect of teammates and enormously impressed her coaches. “She jumped right in from day one, showed up in great shape, blended in beautifully and did well academically,” said Coach Frese. “She had a great



Sequoia Austin

fall semester and is gaining the respect of everyone around her,” she added. Sequoia typically sparks the crowd and the team when she enters a game. “It’s a big thrill to hear the crowd and your teammates cheering you on,” she said. Dribbling feverishly, she often hears the crowd yell, “Shoot it!” If she sinks her shot, the crowd yells, appreciatively and eponymously, “Tree! Tree!” It’s virtually impossible for a player on a nationally-ranked team not to have hoop dreams of playing pro ball but Sequoia seems pretty grounded about that prospect. “Basketball can take

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Besides Budget, Greenbelt Council Deals with Broad Array of Issues

by Thomas X. White

Although eclipsed by Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s presentation of his proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget at the March 28 city council meeting, other items on the agenda also drew council attention. A proposed city ordinance and a resolution were introduced for first reading. City action regarding notice for residential property foreclosures was also proposed. In addition Mayor Judith Davis made a request regarding the 2011 National League of Cities meeting. The first presentation was an opportunity for Aaron Marcavitch, new director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA), to introduce himself and brief council on recent restructuring of ATHA and discuss the group’s initiatives. Marcavitch said ATHA has been transformed from a quasi-governmental entity into a nonprofit organization with a governing body for overall policy and a management board for day-to-day operations.

Funding opportunities for projects in the ATHA area will continue to focus on the Anacostia Trails Area but he sees ATHA reaching out to other cities and towns in Prince George’s County, such as Laurel and Bowie, in order to stimulate more interest in the business community for tourism in the county. He described a concentrated effort as well to promote the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 and the major battle which took place in the Port Towns area surrounding Bladensburg. Marcavitch noted the juxtaposition of that celebration with the 75th Anniversary of Greenbelt’s founding, the 125th anniversary for Hyattsville and a more expanded 1812-1814 celebration in Baltimore. Members of council wished Marcavitch well with the new organization. When he noted that a May 8 planning meeting is scheduled in Greenbelt, councilmembers suggested that attention be directed to better signage for

the ATHA area and improved connectivity for ATHA trails like those around Lake Artemesia in College Park and Berwyn Heights. **Disclosure** Introduced for first reading was a proposed update of the Greenbelt city code on Financial Disclosure. Proposed changes would require certain city employees (those not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and classified at or above Salary Grade 22 as well as police command staff at the rank of or above lieutenant) to file an annual report of gifts received for the previous year on or before April 30 of each year. Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to negotiate upgrades to the outdoor swimming pool from Wilcoxon Construction of Rockville at a cost not to exceed \$38,000. This work is required by the Prince George’s County Health

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CARES 2012 Budget at \$854,000 Remains Same Level as Last Year

by Jonathan Taylor

Director Liz Park presented her department’s accomplishments Monday, April 4 in a Fiscal Year 2012 budget worksession on Social Services. The proposed budget includes \$854,000 for Greenbelt CARES. All councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Leta Mach, who sent in questions. The budget emphasizes the “Greenbelt CARES” name, chosen in part to eliminate confusion with Prince George’s County Department of Social Services. Greenbelt CARES provides an array of social services and educational programs to enhance the quality of life for Greenbelt residents in addition to those provided by the county. Park explained the name also was chosen to underscore the department’s philosophy and vision. The letters don’t stand for anything, she said, “It’s just that we care.” Council agreed. “These programs are so important to us,” Councilmember Silke Pope said, referencing her own observations of CARES in action at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Youth and Family Services, the largest component of Greenbelt CARES with a proposed budget of \$584,500, is the department’s family counseling program that promotes responsible behavior and family management skills.

CARES also provides vocational/educational services including GED, ESOL, babysitting and tutoring classes; staff liaison to the Advisory Committee on Education; and the Crisis Intervention Program. The latter provides crisis counseling to victims of crime and follow-up services to individuals who may have had contact with the police because of a suicide, death of a family member or a community crisis. While the budget is at about the same level as the current year, city funding will be increased by \$30,600 due to the loss of grants from other organizations. A federal and state grant that funded a part-time juvenile delinquency outreach counselor will phase out this December. The budget proposes using other unspent funds to pay for that position until the end of the fiscal year and sets as an objective for the budget year of finding additional funds for future years. Recent CARES’ accomplishments include a finding by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services that 97 percent of the young people counseled through CARES in Fiscal Year 2008 were not adjudicated delinquent two years after counseling ended. “I see the difference that it makes. You’re doing an awesome job. People here in Greenbelt are

so fortunate to have you,” Pope said. Mayor Judith Davis enthusiastically noted the 10-year anniversary of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), a division of Greenbelt CARES. GAIL provides information and support to enable seniors to remain in their homes. It is slated to receive \$269,500 in FY12, an amount

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Notice – Upcoming Rate Changes

Effective May 1, 2011, the News Review will increase its advertising and subscription rates to reflect the higher costs it is incurring. We have held off on increasing our rates but can no longer do so. The basic rate for display advertising will change from \$8.10 to \$8.50 per column inch. This is the first change in ad rates since November 2001. Similar increases will be applied to all our discount-based ad rates, as well. The cost of a 12-month mail-delivered subscription to the News Review will increase from \$35 to \$40. This is the first increase since 2002.

What Goes On

- Saturday, April 9**
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Municipal Parking Lot
9 a.m. to noon, Potomac Watershed Clean-up, SHL Stream and Greenbelt Park
Sunday, April 10
Noon, Little League Opening Day Parade, starts at GAFC Parking Lot
Monday, April 11
7:30 p.m., ACE Educators Awards Reception, Municipal Building
8 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, April 13
8 p.m., Budget Worksession, Miscellaneous, Other Funds and Capital Projects, Community Center
Thursday, April 14
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School Taskforce Meeting, Municipal Building
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board Meeting, Board Room

Community Events

At the Library

Bookmark Contest
Monday, April 11 to Saturday, April 16, during library hours, pick up a bookmark design entry form at the Information Desk and return completed form by 5 p.m. Saturday.

Kids' Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m. Kids' Book Discussion for ages 8 to 12; Kathryn Lasky's "The Capture: Guardians of Ga' Hoole, Book One."

Storytimes
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

*Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

*Thursday, April 14, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

*Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

Read to Rover
Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs for 15 minutes. Registration is required. Call 301-345-5800.

GHI Notes

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m., Sellers Seminar – Board Room
7 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 15, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Explore Japanese Reiki Healing

On Friday, April 15 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Sheri Lehr on the Japanese healing art of Reiki. Reiki has been described as a sensation of a wonderful glowing radiance flowing out of the body. She will tell the story of her own discovery of Reiki as well as talking about services she offers in her practice.

Lehr is a certified Reiki Master in the disciplines of Usui, Tibetan, Chikara and Kundalini. She found out about the art of laying on hands after a long and difficult health struggle – her desire to be aware and active for her children led her to find alternative treatments in Reiki. After experiencing personal success she decided to become a Master of Reiki and is now practicing full time.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
At the March 30 Golden Age Club meeting we had two speakers from the University of Maryland Archives – Anne Turkos and Jason Spek, who brought some artifacts and gave historical facts. Spek, an alumnus of the university, brought copies of his book, which he sold and autographed. It was interesting to learn how many of our members had attended the University of Maryland and had children and grandchildren who attended.

There will be a Chinese Auction on April 13.

The anniversary luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn is on April 20. There will be no meeting at the Community Center that day.

Hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather. Greenbelt is beautiful this time of year. Come out to meet and greet at the meetings on Wednesdays at the Community Center.

Computer Club Meets April 14
The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its April meeting on Thursday, April 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

BCWWG Earth Day Cleanup at BARC
As a part of Earth Day cleanup efforts, the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will host a roadside cleanup in Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m.

The group will meet at the gate to BARC on Research Road and pickup along the way to Beaverdam Road, turn right and work to the bridge over the creek just before the B-W Parkway. High-tech pick-up sticks, gloves and bags will be provided.

Anyone wishing to participate is invited. For more information call Frank at 301-474-7680.

Cub Scouts Host Lake Cleanup
This Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 will host a Buddy Attick Lake Park cleanup that is part of the regional 23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Participants should dress to get a little dirty and join the Cub Scouts and their adult leaders at the Greenbelt Lake group picnic area.

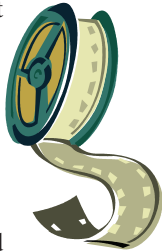
Free Monthly Movie: Dial M for Murder

The next free monthly movie at the Greenbelt Senior Center, Dial M for Murder, will be shown from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, April 11.

Director Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece of double-cross and intrigue stars Ray Milland as former tennis champ Tony Wendice, who concocts a plan to kill his rich but unfaithful wife (Grace Kelly), who's embroiled in a liaison with a writer (Robert Cummings). When Tony's plans go awry he improvises a second act of deceit but the entire bloody affair turns out to be far messier than he expected. John Williams plays a sly Scotland Yard inspector.

This movie will be shown at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Lounge, Room 111.

For questions or more information call 301-397-2208.



Co-op Food Demo On Mac & Cheese

On Wednesday, April 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Co-op will offer a "New to Natural?" food demonstration and samples of an easy macaroni and cheese dish made using dairy, soy and gluten-free cheddar sauce from Wayfare and Ancient Harvest gluten-free quinoa elbow pasta. This is an easy opportunity for those new to natural foods to taste a product before making a purchase. The demo is free and open to all.

The next "New to Natural?" demo will be held on May 11.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

Mishkan Torah's 8th Annual Vintage and Costume Jewelry Sale

And selection of handcrafted semi-precious jewelry.

Minor Jewelry Repair Station.

Sunday, April 10, 2011, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770

Yard Sale – Bake Sale

April 16, 9 a. m. to 1 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Come, Shop and have lunch.

Greenbelt Community Church

Hillside and Crescent Rd.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Invites you to its meeting

Friday, April 15 at 7:30 PM

Greenbriar Terrace Room, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway

Ms. Denise Riley, Political Director for MD State and DC AFL-CIO will be our guest speaker *All are welcome.* Light refreshments.

For information please call 301-386-0762 or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdemcs.com>

Call for Candidates

Board of Directors
Audit Committee
Nominations & Elections Committee

Have you thought about serving on GHI's Board of Directors, Audit Committee, or Nominations & Elections Committee? Five Board members will be elected to two-year terms in May. All three members of the Audit Committee and all five members of N&E will be elected to one-year terms.

GHI is one of the nation's largest, most stable and most innovative housing cooperatives, and we need good leaders to keep it that way. A Candidate Packet, including the necessary information and forms, is available at the GHI office or on the GHI web site at <http://ghi.coop> (click on "Elections"). If you prefer, GHI will mail the packet to you. The deadline for filing with the N&E Committee or the GHI office is Friday, May 6.

Mark your calendar to attend the GHI Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. Check-in starts at 7:00—come early to avoid long lines! Voting will take place following the meeting and from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, in the GHI Board Room.

Stamping Crafts, Games at Mowatt

On Saturday, April 16 from 2 to 4 p.m., Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will have free fun for all with inking stamp crafts to make cards and pictures, games, songs and stories. The stamps do the work even for those who are not artistic. There will also be an egg hunt for the young and young at heart.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a neighbor.

Mowatt is at 40 Ridge Road.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of APRIL 8

FRI. – SAT
Limitless, PG-13
11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
"Rodrick Rules", PG
11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:15, 9:40
Source Code, PG-13 in 3D
No fees at our location
11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20
Hop, PG (!!)

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20
Arthur, PG-13 (!)

11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
Hanna, R (!)

11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
Your Highness, R

11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35
Insidious, PG-13 (!!)

11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:30

SUN.
Limitless, PG-13
11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
"Rodrick Rules", PG
11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:15
Source Code, PG-13 in 3D
No fees at our location
11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8
Hop, PG (!!)

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Your Highness, R

11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50
Insidious, PG-13 (!!)

11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8

MON. – THU.
Limitless, PG-13
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45
Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
"Rodrick Rules", PG
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30
Source Code, PG-13 in 3D
No fees at our location
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More
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Obituaries

Merle E. Scheibel

Merle Edward Scheibel, 74, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, of a sudden heart attack.

A devoted Greenbelt resident for over 30 years, Mr. Scheibel enjoyed serving as president of the Boxwood Civic Association, playing softball, home projects and supporting local politicians with their campaigns.

He is survived by three children, Gregg, Kim and Lorie, as well as eight grandchildren. A private family memorial service is planned in Jacksonville, Fla.

Beatrice H. Nee

Beatrice H. Nee, 84, died on April 4, 2011.

Born in Sparrows Point, Md., in 1927, Mrs. Nee lived in Washington, D.C., Landover Hills and, since 1999, she lived at Green Ridge House. She loved her last 10 years in Greenbelt and was active at Green Ridge House as well as in some community events in Greenbelt.

Mrs. Nee was predeceased in 2001 by her husband Darby Nee. She is survived by four daughters Marianne Minnick, Kathie Scriven, Eileen Kilner and Tricia Dabbs (a current resident of Greenbelt); a son-law, Joe Kilner and four grandchildren: Michael and April Minnick, Sean Dabbs (currently at Eleanor Roosevelt High School) and Andy Dabbs (at Greenbelt Elementary School).

A memorial service will be held in Greenbelt on Easter Sunday. For information contact the family or call 301-474-2838 for specific details.

— Eileen Nee Kilmer,
daughter



Star Party to Be Held Saturday

Everyone is invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a star party Saturday evening, April 9 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, at Northway Fields. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 8 p.m.

Objects to be observed include the Moon, as well as several nice star clusters and nebulae. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Octtava Duo Offers Concert At Community Church Sun.

The Octtava Piano Duo of pianists Wei-Der Huang and her friend and colleague Hsien-Ann Meng will perform a spring concert at the Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. The performance will feature works by Poulenc, Chabrier, Bizet, Debussy and Bedard. All are invited to attend.

The women have been friends since meeting during their graduate studies and are in their 11th year of collaboration. Each has obtained a Doctor of musical arts in piano performance degree from the University of Maryland and is presently on the piano faculty at Howard Community College. Huang is also the organist and choir director at Greenbelt Community Church.

Since forming the Octtava Piano Duo, the artists have performed in such well-known venues as Strathmore Hall, Levine School of Music, Washington Conservatory of Music, Rep Stage and the





Smith Theater at Howard Community College. In 2003 they performed by invitation in San Francisco and Taiwan. They have been praised for their “as-one” sound and heartfelt performance in a diversity of piano selections.

Greenbelt Community Church is located at Hillside and Crescent Road. Donations will be accepted at the concert.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church


3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community 

April 10, 10 a.m.

“Living in the Heart of the Civil War,” 2011 Worship Associates’ Auction sermon, sponsored by Mike and Kim Stark, with worship associates Tish Hall, Shantida, Abby Crowley, Donald Mitchell, John Sebastian and the choir.

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."


St. George's Episcopal Church
Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org





O Friends!

Abandon not the everlasting beauty for a beauty that must die, and set not your affections on this mortal world of dust. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

National Gallery Holds Venetian Concert

On Sunday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will present the Venice Baroque Orchestra performing music by Venetian composers in the West Garden Court. This concert is in honor of “Venice: Canaletto and His Rivals,” a new exhibit at the National Gallery.

Wildlife Visitor Center Film Festival Saturday

The final Conservation & Wildlife Film Festival series for the year at the Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center will be offered on Saturday, April 9. Short and feature documentary films will be screened during two separate series. Call 301-497-5763 for details.


Hope Fellowship
... living life together

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

Please come this Sunday
WORSHIP AT 11:00

Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors 
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10:00am

Join us to sing-along The Palms on Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m.

  **Greenbelt Baptist Church**

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

“Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service”

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net

Sunday School	: 9:30 am
Worship	: 11:00 am
Child Care Available	
Office Hours	: M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

“A hospitable, multicultural community of faith”

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Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Midweek Lenten Service
12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!
E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

 **Congregation Mishkan Torah**

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ACE Educator Reception – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting and ACE Awards – 8:00 p.m.
April 11, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations

- ACE Educator Awards
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Earth Day Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

*** Committee Reports**

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2011-1
(Contribution and Recognition Groups)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article IV, “Ethics,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Updating the Section on Financial Disclosure
-2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Pool White Coat Services and Transition
Line Installation from Wilcoxon Construction of Rockville, Maryland, at a Cost not to Exceed \$38,000
-2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Fleet Management Software from Arsenault Associates of Burlington, New Jersey, at a Cost not to Exceed \$17,000
-1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Selection of Banking Services
- CSX Rail Intermodal Facility
- Award of Bid – Grounds Maintenance Contract
- Other Reports
- * 19. Request for Use of Facilities
- * 20. Appointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Now Hiring Lifeguards, Pool Operators, and Swim Instructors

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is currently looking to fill aquatic positions for the 2011 season.

Lifeguards and Pool Operators must hold current certification through the American Red Cross (classes are available). Pool Operators must hold a valid Pool Operator's License from the Prince George's County Health Department.

For questions, contact Mitch Kallemyn, Aquatic Coordinator, at 301-397-2204. If you are interested in joining our team, you may download an application at www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human_Resources

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road
(behind Police Station)

Congratulations to Ariel, Princess, Tammy, Ginea Pig, Elmo, Bunny, Charlie, Mr. Piggy, and Sonny. Much happiness in their new homes.

COME OUT AND VISIT:



Ashley a beautiful and friendly girl who was found roaming the streets of Greenbelt.

Petey is a beautiful little boy that was found abandoned in a laundry room in an apartment complex. He is very sweet and loves to



cuddle. He is very anxious to find his forever home!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124

Donations welcome any time!



Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook for the latest information on adoptable pets.

CELEBRATE WITH US!



Saturday, April 16th
from 10am-2:00pm

Public Works Open House (10am-2pm)

555 Crescent Road - Enjoy demonstrations, tours and refreshments. Green ACES will have information on energy efficiency, recycling and sustainability. Other groups will share environmental and composting information.

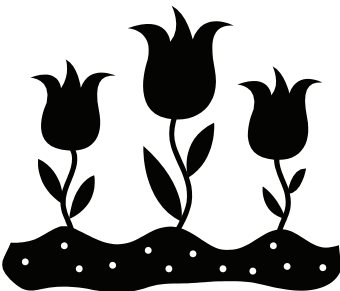
Earth Day (10:00 am): Help to plant a rain garden at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

Arbor Day (12 noon): Help the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) to plant trees at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

If you have any questions contact
Lesley Riddle at 240-542-2151

CELEBRATION OF SPRING

Saturday, April 16 from 2:00pm-6:00pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane



Bring the family and join your friends and neighbors at the Greenbelt Recreation Department's annual Celebration of Spring! Enjoy Make and Take Art Projects, Entertainment, Games, Amusements, refreshments and more!

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EFFECTIVE APRIL 18, 2011

Extended hours Begin at 5:18am & End at 8:29pm

Extended hours will provide timed transfers with Metrobus Routes G12, 13, 14, 16 and early morning Metrorail riders.

New timetable is posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov

POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEANUP

SATURDAY, April 9th
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) to remove **litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.**

- **SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM** Meet at the SHL Rec Center. For more information contact Brian Gibbons: btpg225@yahoo.com At this site you can also help with the Three Sisters Garden Project.
- **GREENBELT PARK** Meet at Greenbelt Park. For more information contact Eli Alford: 301.344.3944

* Bring your work gloves.
* Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes.
* Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given.
Bring your forms!!
For more information, call Luisa Robles at 240 542 2153 or email at lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR
APRIL 11-15

Monday, April 11 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, April 13th at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION MISC. & OTHER FUNDS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, April 14th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road-Council Chambers.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov

KEEP YOUR TAXES AT HOME!

When filling out your State Income Tax this year, please make sure to specify GREENBELT as your local government. This will assure that a portion of your taxes stays in Greenbelt.

VACANCIES ON
BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on:
Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board

For information call 301-474-8000.

DONATION
DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

SPRING GED
REGISTRATION

Tuesday, April 12th
Begins at 10:30am at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd. Course is 10 weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 12-June 23. Free for Greenbelt residents (must purchase textbook)
\$175 for non-residents.
Info: 301-345-6660

General Government Worksession On Budget Gets the Ducks in a Row

by Thomas X. White

Right on the heels of City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget presentation on March 28, the Greenbelt City Council held its first budget worksession on Wednesday, March 30 in the Community Center Multi-purpose Room. All councilmembers were present and McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and City Treasurer Jeff Williams provided background materials for the session.

Although McLaughlin had fulfilled his charter obligation to present his proposed budget at the earlier Monday council meeting, the actual printed budget document was still not ready for this Budget Overview and General Government Worksession. City staff had, however, placed the budget on the city website. Because of a breakdown of the city copying machine, the actual printed budget documents would not be available until the following week. (See the Proposed FY12 Budget at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Click on the link to Budget on the left to find a menu that includes the proposed FY12 budget.)

Council Initiative

Mayor Judith Davis has developed a tradition at the first budget worksession to ask the city manager for documents, charts, graphs or lists of information that have been, or may be, useful as council reviews the budget. This year other councilmembers are joining that parade.

Davis started the night’s review with a look back at the city manager’s March 28 transmittal letter for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. Individual requests for information flowed from there.

Davis requested a rundown of council expenses for attendance at conferences and an explanation of the city functions covered by the County Tax Differential formula. She also noted the city has received state certification of having met the “Constant Yield Tax Rate” for Fiscal Year 2011. Councilmember Leta Mach requested staff to better identify program areas that appear out of order in the budget document or are the responsibility of one department but charged in another department’s budget. Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked for a list of all grant requests from other agencies the city has made during the year.

Both Jordan and Councilmember Konrad Herling reiterated requests for more efforts by the city in reaching out to the Greenbelt business community. More generally they sought to build individual relationships rather than to deal with groups such as shopping districts and hotels. They noted from budget materials that there are nearly

1,000 businesses in Greenbelt.

Jordan also pushed for a more focused look at city fee-supported programs and Davis suggested that the manager’s request for consideration of debt refinancing and a new bond issue for capital projects be discussed at a separate, added budget worksession.

Budget Elements

Another important item to council is the June 2011 renewal of the city’s contract for operating the Old Greenbelt Theatre, which McLaughlin had indicated had a one-year renewal option.

With the manager’s budget proposal to raise waste collection rates, councilmembers asked for a comparison of Greenbelt rates with those of other jurisdictions and/or private haulers. McLaughlin said that is usually provided at the Public Works budget worksession.

Another request arose during review of the manager’s letter, which on page 4 listed various savings to help the city meet the challenges of a static economy. Council urged that information be included in the actual budget document.

Pages 6, 7 and 8 of the manager’s transmittal letter list the “Goals for FY 2012” derived from the city 2008 visioning exercise and the 2009 council goal. Led by the mayor, this section engendered a considerable discussion, especially on Goal #8, “Maintain and Improve Fiscal Sustainability.”

Davis wanted an additional element accommodating electronic payment options for city transactions. Herling and Jordan pressed city efforts to expand outreach to the Greenbelt business community.

A section of the transmittal letter discussed the Tax Differential system where Greenbelt taxpayers pay a lower tax rate to the county and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission based on a formula crediting city service in those areas. The manager’s letter said that the county tax differential for Greenbelt would be decreased by .005 cents causing Greenbelt taxpayers a slight increase (.002 cents) in the county tax rate from 78.3 cents to 78.5 cents.

McLaughlin explained that since the tax differential formula is finite, the 26 municipalities share the “pie.” Since the City of Bowie has established its own police department, Bowie gets a proportionate share increase and Greenbelt’s share decreases.

Capital Improvements

During discussion of the Capital Improvements section in the transmittal letter, the topic of “Gateway” signs for entering Greenbelt came up. Under Replacement Fund council focused on a \$35,000 item to replace the city’s aerial lift truck.

McLaughlin said the current truck needed to be replaced. He added that the City of College Park has expressed interest in sharing the cost of the replacement vehicle.

Council next turned to the budget itself. Nine individual budgets are included in the General Government section. These are City Council, City Administration, Elections, Finance & Administrative Services, Information Technology, Legal Counsel, Municipal Building, Public Information and Community Promotion, and Public Officers Associations. Although the Greenbelt Museum director is included among the 18.5 General Government staff positions, the museum budget is included in the budget’s Miscellaneous section.

General Government

Overall expenditures proposed for General Government total \$ 2,609,000, which is \$75,000 over the adopted FY11 budget and \$21,400 over the estimated actual transactions for the account in FY11.

\$22,000 of that increase is attributable to costs of the November 2011 city election. No increase in staffing is proposed but most other increases can be attributed to higher costs in employee benefits.

In a note labeled “Workload,” the budget document discusses a longstanding staff concern. “Additional staff can be well utilized in every department,” the document says, “if resources were available. Specifically within General Government, the expansion of council from five to seven has caused an increased workload, especially as more councilmembers have become more involved in other regional organizations.”

In addition, plans for a 75th anniversary for the city in 2012, the city’s potential use of or responsibility for the historic portion of the Greenbelt Middle School and the conduct of a city election in November will further stress the administrative staff. Also noted was that the assistant city manager provides up to 50 percent of his time to state and county legislative or policy issues.

Near the end of the worksession one citizen focused on council’s participation in conferences away from the city. Although recognizing the value of participation to the councilmember or to the city through new ideas, the speaker felt that in a tough budget period this might be an area that could be reduced.

Another citizen was more interested in transparency concerning such conference-related costs as being borne by taxpayers, feeling some of those costs should possibly be shared by councilmembers.

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Department following its inspection of the main outdoor pool and is needed for an annual license before the pool opening on May 28.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan, noting that the Wilcoxon bid was highest of three bids received for the project, wondered why the other bids had been rejected. McLaughlin said that after checking the bidders’ credentials and experience, Wilcoxon had a much better record. Seventy-five percent of the of the project’s cost can be covered through Project Open Space funds.

Following a previous council request McLaughlin sought direction on developing proposed legislation requiring those individuals authorized to conduct foreclosure sales of real property to provide written notice to the city within five calendar days after filing an Order to Docket or a complaint to Foreclose a Mortgage or Deed of Trust on a residential property in the city. The city solicitor had crafted the proposed legislation based on similar legislation in force in College Park.

Its impetus is the need for the city’s Code Enforcement staff to be aware in advance of such sales to assure that code violations associated with such foreclosed properties are addressed as part of the sale. Council had questions regarding timing of such notices and whether the legislation could include notifications for condominiums, cooperatives and homeowner associations.

National Meeting

At the request of Mayor Judith Davis, council approved a letter to the National League of Cities registering concern regarding scheduling of the November 8-12, 2011, Congress of Cities meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. This date conflicts with scheduled municipal elections on November 8. Officials from those cities may have to forego or miss part of the proceedings.

By a vote of five to two, with Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Jordan voting no, council approved a motion to purchase a

compact hybrid sport utility vehicle (SUV) to replace two older vehicles in the Recreation Department. The 2011 Ford Escape Hybrid SUV, costing \$26,698, would be used primarily to accompany other recreation-sponsored vehicles on trips outside the city for carrying cargo and being available to return participants to Greenbelt because of illness or other emergency.

As in nearly every year for the past 25, the city received a Fiscal Year 2011 award for Distinguished Budget Presentation from the Government Finance Officers Association.

State Legislation

Council considered and supported unanimously four pieces of legislation supported by the Maryland Municipal League which may get through the waning days of the Maryland General Assembly session in Annapolis.

The first item, SB 822 and HB 1188, would establish a “Communities for a Lifetime” program in Maryland. The law would create a state plan and provide resources to local governments to facilitate aging-in-place programs. The bills had been recommended by a Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission. In a 2009 report the Commission cited the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program for “Best Practice” in such programs.

HB 1234 would establish a state task force to study and identify opportunities for placement underground of existing overhead utility lines. Its purpose would be to reduce increasing incidents of power outages due to falling trees.

HB 1137 would allow a local government to enact laws requiring banks or investment firms owning residential property to secure it and keep it free of dead or overgrown vegetation and debris.

The last bill, HB 1055, would prohibit wireless communication towers on public school property in Prince George’s County. This prohibition stemmed from a potential health problem associated with communication towers.

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that includes \$76,200 for the operation of the Green Ridge House Service Coordination Program. That program is entirely funded by a federal grant and funds paid by Green Ridge House.

“You have a very good team,” Davis said.

In response to a question from Councilmember Emmett Jordan, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that about half of the residents served by GAIL reside in Greenbelt Center, with the majority of the remainder from Greenbelt East. He said this mirrors the distribution of seniors living alone among the three parts of Greenbelt.

The proposed FY12 Greenbelt CARES budget accounts for about 3.4 percent of proposed city expenditures – the same level adopted

in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget. Performance measures cited by the department indicate that it expects to serve about the same number of people in FY12 as they did in FY11. No changes in professional staffing levels are planned.

Greenbelt’s budgeting process continues through May 25 with additional worksessions on public safety, capital projects, public works and recreation, among others. Public hearings will be held on April 26 and May 23 at 8 p.m. in the council room.

One Greenbelt resident who attended Monday’s worksession – and plans to attend all the others – invited fellow residents to join her. “The sessions,” she said, “are a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the city.”



Greenbelt resident Alejandra Vides-Austin participated in the 18th Annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament in Grass Valley, Cal. “Ale” placed 5th overall.

Greenbelt Girl, 8, Shines In Youth Cribbage Tourney

by Margaret Austin

Alejandra Vides-Austin, an eight-year-old Greenbelt resident and former St. Hugh’s School student, made it to the quarter-finals and finished fifth overall in her age group in the 18th Annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament in Grass Valley, Cal.

Nicknamed Ale, she began learning to play cribbage last year from her mother, becoming a member of the family’s fifth generation of cribbage players. In the fall she started regular practice sessions with me her grandmother, with the goal of attending the longest-running and best-known youth cribbage tournament in the country.

For the uninitiated, cribbage is a card game that requires a grasp of math skills, knowledge of game rules, a good deal of luck and, for tournament play, the ability to complete a game in

20 minutes.

Bright and early on March 12 Alejandra and almost 60 other youths were at the Chicago Park School in Grass Valley, eager to test their skills against each other. Alejandra was the youngest player and played in the eight-to-11-year-old group of about 25 children. Imagine her excitement when she realized she could play with the best of them!

Until the tournament, she had played only with adults, either in her family or at Greenbelt’s Tuesday night strategy games sessions at the Greenbelt Youth Center, where she is well known. In Grass Valley she found kindred spirits as eager as she to win their share of games. She won five of her six tournament games and went to the third game of a best two-out-of-three in the quarter-finals.



Vides-Austin takes her card shuffling very seriously.

Back in the fall we tried to generate some interest in local schools for a cribbage session in their after-school programs. In California several schools use cribbage as a teaching tool in their math classes in 4th to 6th grade. It is an awesome card game.

Since I couldn’t spend enough time to drum up interest in the schools in an after-school cribbage program, I concentrated on my granddaughter, who absolutely loves the game! What a pleasure to know that old-fashioned games can still be totally awesome for young kids.

Margaret Austin is Alejandra’s grandmother.

Dems Meeting Topic Is on Labor Unions

The next meeting of Greenbelt’s Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at the Greenbriar Community Center. The guest speaker will be Denise Riley, the political director of Maryland state and D.C. AFL-CIO.

Recent conservative political and business leaders have moved against labor rights in states like Wisconsin in the name of fiscal responsibility, threatening decades of union movement struggle and many human and environmental programs. State and federal employees and employees of union companies are not exempt when collective bargaining, basic to equality between owners/management and labor/unions, is eroded. Riley will offer ideas on how to counter these serious anti-labor moves and still be fiscally responsible. There will be time for questions and answers after her presentation.

All are welcome; light refreshments will be served.

CROP Walk

The Roosevelt Club will again participate in the annual ecumenical community CROP Hunger Walk around Lake Artemesia in College Park on Sunday afternoon, May 1. Walkers turn in their sponsors’ donations to Church World Service, an established and highly rated charity. The funds are used for emergency food in Prince George’s County, shelter during natural crises and self-help development in 70 countries including the U.S. The club welcomes people to join in walking with them. For more information call Marty at 301-552-9329.

Hoyer Opens Annual Art Competition

Greenbelt’s Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has issued a call to high school student artists in Maryland’s Fifth Congressional District for the annual Congressional Art Competition, which is now open for submissions. The winner’s art is displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year. Members of Congress showcase art of students in their districts in display space in the main corridor connecting House of Representatives office buildings with the Capitol, a walkway through which millions of visitors travel.

To participate students should contact Congressman Hoyer’s Waldorf District Office at 301-843-1577 for competition guidelines. All artwork must be delivered to one of Hoyer’s district offices (in Greenbelt at 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310) by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 6. The following week a panel from the Fifth District arts community including art teachers and professional artists will review the submissions to select one piece to represent Hoyer’s district in the Capitol exhibit. All other entries are displayed in the Congressman’s Waldorf office. The winner will also be invited to attend a reception at the Capitol in June.



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University of Maryland School of Law Center for Tobacco Regulation.

Neighbor’s Complaints

In the lawsuit, the plaintiff complains that his neighbors’ cigarette smoking causes him “serious discomfort, irritation and illness (including headaches, irritated eyes and an irritated nose).”

He presents the findings of consultant James L. Repace, visiting assistant clinical professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Repace, author of over 80 scientific papers, is a nationally recognized expert on the effects of secondhand tobacco smoke and his work has been quoted in surgeons’ general reports on the adverse health effects of smoking. Repace used a nicotine monitor to measure the level of nicotine in the townhouse unit for 33 days. The monitoring found that the average nicotine level in the plaintiff’s home and his average daily secondhand smoke/nicotine exposure, produces an excess chronic mortality risk that exceeds by 910 times the de minimis risk level used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for hazardous air pollutants.

Consultant Repace’s report referenced the 2006 Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the surgeon general finding that there are at least 250 chemicals in secondhand smoke that are known to be toxic or carcinogenic. The surgeon general described compounds in slipstream tobacco smoke (that smoke to which non-smoking bystanders are exposed) that are known to cause pulmonary edema, immune alterations, cardiac arrhythmias and hepatotoxic and neurologic conditions. According to Repace, epidemiological studies have “convincingly” demonstrated that secondhand smoke is associated with an increased risk for cardiovascular disease and estimated increase in risk of cardiovascular disease from exposure to secondhand smoke is 25 to 30 percent above that of unexposed persons.

GHI Position

In response, GHI emphasizes that it has done all that can be done structurally and in mediating between neighbors and that it is not a non-smoking community.

The housing cooperative describes complaints about smoke odors from both the current lawsuit’s plaintiff and the neighbors on the other side beginning soon after the smokers moved in. In 1997 GHI maintenance crews sealed wall openings between the smokers’ unit and plaintiff’s unit and also the common wall with the neighbors on the other side. These efforts are estimated by GHI as costing approximately \$10,000 in parts and labor to seal wall openings. When the 1997 work was completed, GHI retained an industrial hygienist who noted the excellent job of sealing possible smoke migration pathways; the industrial hygienist detected no smoke odors at that time.

GHI describes extensive renovations by the non-smoking plaintiff to his unit in 2008 which stripped parts of walls down to the studs. Not long after the renovations, plaintiff’s complaints of smoke odors began again. Extensive efforts at mediation by staff, a member complaints panel and the board of directors could not resolve the differences between neighbors. After all of its attempts at conciliation, GHI notified the non-smoking plaintiff member that nothing more could be done about his complaint since it is not a non-smoking community.

In a court filing, GHI also notes that although all members have the ability to propose/request rules changes, plaintiff has never requested that GHI or any part of it be made smoke-free.

Decreased Smoking

The GHI members who are civil defendants in the lawsuit claim that they no longer smoke inside of their townhouse. One of the couple has developed a lung tumor and has ceased smoking while the other, in consideration of the spouse’s medical condition, only smokes outside on the patio.

Impact on Neighbors

Because the plaintiff sought an immediate injunction, there was a preliminary hearing in August 2010 at which three neighbors, not parties to the lawsuit, testified. The neighbor on the other side of the smokers’ unit testified to the exacerbation of her asthma when the tobacco smoke enters her unit. She has to use her rescue inhaler and has moved to a bedroom on the opposite side of the house from where her neighbors typically smoke. She described smoke odors in her clothing stored in a closet adjacent to the common wall with the smoking neighbors. She said she could not use her screened porch when the neighbors smoked outside and has to shut her windows to try to keep smoke from patio smoking from coming into her unit.

Other neighbors, not adjacent to the smokers’ townhouse, described having to close their windows against the smoke and developing headaches from exposure to the smoke.

Current Status

After the preliminary hearing in August 2010, Prince George’s County Circuit Court Judge Albert Northrup denied a motion for a declaratory judgment that the secondhand smoke was a nuisance prescribed by the GHI Mutual Ownership Contract, denied a motion to order the smokers not to smoke outside on their patio and issued a temporary order, with the consent of the smoking defendants, forbidding smoking inside the townhouse unit. The non-smoking plaintiff has appealed the denial of the declaratory judgment and the injunction against outside smoking to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. A full trial of remaining issues is scheduled for later this year.

A graphic with a stylized background of a plug and a cord. The text reads: "Get plugged into the latest news and comments about YOUR community!"

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Sequoia Austin, small in stature and tall in performance.

you only so far,” she said. “I need to stay humble but, if I had the opportunity, I’d like to take advantage of it.”

Alternative dreams? As a secondary education major specializing in biology, Sequoia could be teaching science to high school kids someday.

Would coaching the girls’ team tempt her? “Yep! It would be wonderful!”

Grandmother a Fan

Sequoia’s number one fan is clearly her grandmother, Margaret Austin. Sequoia spent formative high school years in Greenbelt with Margaret on Ridge Road while Sequoia played point guard for four years for the Holton-Arms School. Mrs. Austin in 1999 moved from Springhill Lake to Ridge Road, where she now lives. A legal secretary with a law firm in Washington, D.C., she is a season ticket holder who attends every home game and some away games, whenever she can.

“I bought tickets even before I knew she had made the team. I had that much confidence in her,” said the proud grandmother. “When she puts her mind to something, she sticks with it.”

Austin tactfully deflected my question about Sequoia’s pos-

sible future as a pro player. “I always want for her what makes her happy; I see her as a fantastic teacher. She makes good choices,” Austin said.

One good choice Sequoia made was to listen to Gary Daniels, a family friend who, before she entered high school, encouraged her to play basketball. After learning to play haphazardly at age 4 (!), Sequoia improved her game exponentially when, as she says, Daniels “began working with me. He’s an important part of my development as a player.” Daniels now coaches AAU Team Sol.

Sequoia was pleasantly shocked at a Christmas party at Coach Frese’s home last December – her Secret Santa gift was a basketball scholarship. “We always do a gift exchange at Christmas time,” Frese explained, “and the coaching staff and I made a big certificate and put it in a manila folder. When Sequoia read the good news, she started screaming and crying.”

Coach Frese echoed the sentiments of many when she said, “Sequoia is quite an addition to our team and our program. She’s a very special girl.”

“I’d love to coach,” Sequoia asserted unambiguously.

WSSC H2O Fest Held at Seneca

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will hold a variety of programs in April to commemorate Earth Month or 30 Days to Help the Earth.

H2O Fest will be held at the Seneca Wastewater Treatment facility in Germantown on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The site offers free admission in Earth Month.

Local students, local government agency staff and representatives from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Izaak Walton League will be present with information on the link between

thinking green and protecting water supplies.

People of all ages are invited to learn how to preserve and protect the water source through activities and resources including composting/recycling information, waste reduction ideas, rain barrel and pest control demonstrations. There will be children’s activities, recycled materials crafts, tours of the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant, master gardener tips and environmental car displays and demos.

The Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant is at 12900 Great Seneca Highway.



Condolences to the family and friends of longtime resident Virginia Hunt, who died March 27, 2011. She and her family have lived in Greenbelt since 1955.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Merle E. Scheibel.

Our sympathy to Tricia Dabbs and other family members on the death of her mother, Green Ridge House resident Beatrice H. Nee.

Congratulations to:

- the ERHS Destination Imagination team, the Eleanor Roosevelt Juniors – who will be attending Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., at the end of May, where they will compete against teams from 20 countries.
- ERHS 10th grader Alice Noll, who has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference this summer at Fordham University. She is the daughter of Franklin and Ellen Noll of Boxwood Village.
- Cub Scout Yusuf Khan, of Greenbelt Pack 202, who won first place in the Wolf Division at the Prince George’s County District Pinewood Derby Race held at Reid Temple on Saturday, March 26.
- David Gardner, of Greenbelt Middle School, who received an Honorable Mention in the mathematics category in the Prince George’s County Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fair. He also received awards from the Washington Statistical Society and the US Navy for his project, “A Byte of Pi.”
- Siobhán Milligan and Kirk Cemper on the birth of their son, Declan Roger, on March 23, 2011. He is the grandson of former Greenbelter Marci McGee Milligan and the first great-grandchild of Bernie McGee and Jim Giese.

Family and friends gathered at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn on March 26 to celebrate Dee Ronchi’s 90th birthday. Family and friends including great-grandchildren gathered from Florida, Tennessee, New Jersey and locally to celebrate the happy occasion. Happy Birthday Dee!



Our gratitude to 1st Lt. Angela Cho, who is currently serving in Japan in the U.S. Air Force Japan relief mission, Operation Tomodachi. She is on the night-shift reception line processing incoming Air Force personnel, 1,500 thus far, supporting Operation Tomodachi.

Greenbelt’s CERT team – Charlene Backstrom, Stacy Hindalong, Larry Hull, Rena Hull, Clement Lau, Karen Seaton, Ken Silberman, Melanie Taylor and Lester Whitmer – were honored on April 2 with each receiving a certificate and a key to the city of Laurel on completion of the “All-Hazards Homeland Security Initiative: Community Partnerships and Awareness Training for Disaster Preparedness.”

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

School Board Holds Budget Meeting

The Prince George’s County Board of Education will hold a System Oversight Meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 1 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building Board Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The meeting will review the areas of finance, accounting and budget.

Spring Community Yard Sale
April 9, 2011
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, April 14th, 2011

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Planet Aid Recycling Bins – Request for Bin Space
- Request for Uncovered Chimney Flue – 34G Ridge Road
- Request for Unpermitted Incompatible Entry Doors – 10C Plateau Place
- Sublease Statistics and Request, 37D Ridge Road
- Bylaws Changes for the Annual Meeting
- 61 Court Emergency Procedure to Repair Sewer
- Urgent Sewer Repairs at 6A-M Research
- 2011 Concrete Sidewalk Contract, 1st Reading
- Contributions Requests, 2nd Reading
- Engagement of a Recruiting Firm for the Replacement of Retiring General Manager, 2nd Reading
- Board’s Action Plan Approval

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Crazy Quilt Music Festival
Sat., April 9



A full day of music, quilts, and hula hoopers.

Outside: Roosevelt Center, 2 to 8 p.m.

Inside: New Deal Café, 8 to 11 p.m. **The Wharf Rats.**

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Greenbelt



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Police Blotter

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Drug Arrests

March 27, 2:28 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 28, 11:19 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine in a school zone, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possession of crack cocaine and possession of marijuana, among other charges. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

March 25, 3:18 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident youth was petitioned for trespassing on private property and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of

Juvenile Services.

Vandalism

March 26, 1:01 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, an apartment window was broken.

March 26, 9:07 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, an apartment window was broken.

Burglary

March 28, 7:49 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

March 29, 8:15 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, electronics were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A blue 1996 Chevrolet Impala with Maryland tags was taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

A blue 2002 BMW, reported stolen through Florida, was recovered in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway. No arrests were made.

Vehicle windows were reported broken in the 7100 block Greenbelt Road and in the 8100 block Bird Lane. Tools were reported taken from a vehicle in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Penguins and More


In January Linda Weir, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center wildlife biologist, and Nancy Golden, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service wildlife toxicologist, traveled to the Falkland and South Georgia Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula to see as many penguins as possible. On Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. they will share their photos and experiences at a presentation at the College Park Airport Annex. The program is free and open to all. Call 301-262-5148 for details.

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April 2011

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is time again to ask for your donations to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2011**. We truly appreciate your generous contributions during the previous fund drives, and hope for your continued support.

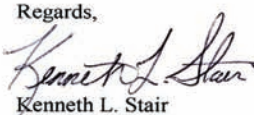
You should be receiving your donation package in the mail during the month of April. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us, or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail your contribution to us. Please note the mailing address for the station:

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.
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As in the past, I strongly emphasize that you do not accept any solicitations over the telephone or at your door from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. For this **Annual General Fund Drive** during the months of April/May, we only solicit for donations through the mail.

May I encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of bingo (sponsored by the GVFD & RS. Inc.) held at the Elks Lodge #1778, located at 6700 Kenilworth Ave. in Riverdale, MD, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings? Doors open at 6:00 PM and we offer complimentary food and drink. All of our bingos are **SMOKE-FREE**

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past, as well as your continued support during our **Annual General Fund Drive**.

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Goddard’s Webb Telescope Awes Area Science Writers

by Eric Villard

On Saturday, March 26 members of the D.C. Science Writers Association (DCSWA) got a behind-the-scenes look at the planning for the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the most ambitious and challenging space astronomy project since Hubble Space Telescope.

Scientists and engineers at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt wowed visiting DCSWA members and guests with an information session and tour of the facilities where Webb is under development. Deputy Technical Project Manager Paul Geithner and Research Astrophysicist Amber Straughn presented both the technical and scientific sides of the JWST endeavor.

The engineering hurdles of Webb require nothing short of perfection: launching the folded telescope and ensuring it is as graceful as an origami crane when it comes time to unfold, polishing mirrors such that they deform to just the right shape when exposed to the cold of space and shielding the sensitive array from the glare of the sun while somehow balancing the extreme heat on Webb’s sunshield with the extreme cold on its shadowed side. A daunting task? Yes, but doable with NASA know-how and perseverance, say the engineers.

All of the hard work has the promised payoff of allowing humanity to gaze farther into the cosmos than ever before and see further back in time than was ever possible, back to the epoch of the very first stars and galaxies that first lit up the cosmos when the universe was only a few percent of its current age. A little closer to home, the telescope will look at nearby exoplanets’ atmospheres and perhaps determine if they could be suitable homes for life.

Writers Intrigued

The presentations intrigued DCSWA science writers and their younger guests alike. This showed how the telescope’s cultural impact transcends generations with the enticing and timeless questions it will address: are

we alone in the universe? How were the galaxies born and how did they evolve? The writers had no shortage of questions for their hosts regarding the complexities and meticulous operations planned for the immense space observatory.

The day ended with a visit to GSFC Building 29 Spacecraft Systems Development and Integration Facility. Visitors were captivated by the sight of one of the largest clean rooms in the world. Pieces of Webb are coming together here from manufacturing facilities and instrument development labs spread across the United States, Canada and Europe. The visitors were especially fascinated by the fact that components of Webb and ultimately its fully assembled segments mirror must travel back and forth across the country in special trucks to various fabrication and testing facilities. Visitors looked with awe upon various pieces of Webb, including its spare mirror. The large golden shimmering object is only one of many that will comprise Webb’s segmented “fly’s-eye” array that is 6.5 meters across.

And the excitement over the telescope is not simply confined to the Goddard campus. JWST has even gone viral on more than one occasion. A video blog by Vlogbrothers explains just how awesome the Webb Telescope is (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihpNNBmJypE>). Meanwhile, star-struck rapper Milky J mourned Hubble’s departure on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon (<http://www.nasa.gov/topics/people/features/nasa-gotchu.html>). But there’s no need to mourn; Hubble had its glorious heyday. New discovery, thy name is Webb.

Like Hubble, Webb promises to inspire a new generation of sky watchers. And given GSFC’s monumental care and upgrading of the Hubble Space Telescope, Webb is the next logical step to ushering in an exciting new era of space astronomy.

Eric Villard is a freelance science writer.



Over 1,000 people in more than 17 countries are developing the James Webb Space Telescope. Shown here are team members in front of the JWST full-scale model at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt. Photo was taken from the James Webb Telescope website at <http://www.jwst.nasa.gov>.

Historic Film Shown In College Park

On Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a 25th anniversary showing of the documentary “Heavy Metal Parking Lot” at the Old Parish House. This free film for adults and older kids is part of the College Park Arts Exchange Cultural Connections series and partially supported by the Prince George’s Arts Council and the City of College Park.

Documentarian Jeff Krulik’s movie of heavy metal music fans tailgating in the old Capital Centre Landover parking lot in 1986 has become a cult classic and spawned a genre of documentary. Parental discretion is advised.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-2013.



New Chicago Dance Recital Is April 16

The adult class recital for Greenbelt’s New Chicago Dance Company will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House in College Park. Free and open to the public, everyone is invited to come enjoy an evening of dance by area performers.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road.

Spring Bird Walk In Bowie April 16

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a free bird walk on Saturday, April 16 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University. Walkers may also bird at the nearby WB&A trail. All skill levels are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested.

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City of Greenbelt Recognized in Annapolis



The Greenbelt group is shown in Annapolis on Healthy Maryland Day, where the city was recognized for its Get Active campaign. Shown wearing their Get Active Greenbelt T-shirts are, left to right, Community Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Betty Timer, Therapeutic Supervisor Karen Haseley, Greenbelt’s newly-appointed Recreation Director Julie McHale, GAFC Supervisor Stephen Parks, P&CD Administrative Assistant Carolyn Carroll and Public Works Refuse/Recycling Supervisor William Smith.

Poetry Month – Surf’s Up In Waves of Verse Here

by Jim Link

Two lovely waves of poetry washed into Greenbelt last week, the first at the New Deal Café on Tuesday, March 29 and the second at the Greenbelt Library on Saturday, April 2. Both celebrated April as National Poetry Month. The first was casual, loose, bohemian, spontaneous, funky; the second was tighter, more formal, better organized, more cerebral; both were charged, erotic, laced with lyrical beauty and disturbing images.

At the Café Amethyst Dwyer jump-started the crowd with a passionate recitation of “Sacred Sensual Dance” and convinced us that “we have come to be danced.” Other vivid phrases included “the camaraderie of the foxhole” (Janet); “the trees’ twiggy greed tried to throw a net over the sun” (Mark); “the meat cleaver is on the downswing; your head is about to be parted like the Red Sea” (Rocky); “the soft sacrament of her skin, it’s her body again (Rob); “In spring a young man’s fancy turns to thoughts of – Viagra!” (Alfred); “It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.” (Shakespeare channeled by Paul); “We are all just made of light.” (Fred).

More than 20 readers facilitated by Don Comis gave the evening a jazzy frisson.

At the library over a dozen poets celebrated the theme “Poetry Connects Communities.” Their mysterious and tender phrases included “Play is my work” (Anne); “Poetry is where you find it” (Kathleen); “In the very essence of poetry there is something indecent” (Yahia); “the purpose of poetry is to remind us how difficult it is to remain just one person” (Taneika); “I am the deep silence at the core of your being” (Hollis); “Some poems are like kissing porcupines” (Jen); “All my life I have been a bride married to amazement; I was a bridegroom taking the world into my arms” (Mary Oliver, read by Rob). Chris read poems commemorating those who died in the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Eighty-five-year-old Elois thrilled the crowd with two love poems.

The efforts and generosity of branch manager Ellen Utley and literary activist Jackqueline Miller Byrd were crucial to the afternoon’s success.

Catch the next wave on Tuesday, April 19 at the New Deal Café.

Help Clean Dragonfly Refuge on Sunday

As part of its Earth Month commemoration, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is planning a cleanup on Sunday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Browns Bridge in Silver Spring, a favorite spot for dragonflies.

Trash and weeds are threatening the Browns Bridge site that is the best place on the Patuxent River to see dragonflies. WSSC is seeking help to clean this special spot and will provide all materials needed for the cleanup.

Browns Bridge is at 2220 Ednor Road in Silver Spring.

Seniors Offered Free Movie

The Publick Playhouse at 5445 Landover Road in Cheverly, presents a free movie for seniors on Tuesday, April 12 at 11 a.m.

“The Longshots” is based on a true story about a poor Illinois town that comes together behind the local Pop Warner football team and their unlikely quarterback, Jasmine Plummer. She was the first female to play in the event’s 56-year history. Under the tutelage of her Uncle Curtis, she led her team and inspired her town to reclaim some of its former glory. Advance registration is required and may be made by calling 301-277-1710.

Doctors Hospital Has Free Wellness Fair

On Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a community health and wellness fair.

The fair will include free health screenings for blood pressure, carotid arteries, cholesterol and sleep, along with eco-friendly activities and face painting for children.

There will be ongoing health lectures on what every woman should know about HPV by Dr. Ricardo Scartascini and Dr. Rajshree Thaker, surviving the allergy season by Dr. Bryan Ego-Osuala and a new look at food by Dr. Michelle Thomas. Dr. Riad Dakheel will talk on the connection between insomnia and stress.

A presentation by Dr. Nia D. Banks on top skin concerns and lasting beauty will cover aging, acne, hyperpigmentation, rosacea, chemical peels, microdermabrasion, fillers, botox, permanent and camouflage makeup. There will also be opportunities to learn about recycling and composting and a market where visitors can buy plants and food.

Free parking will be available in the garage adjacent to the hospital campus professional office building.

Garden Club Plant Sale Is Saturday

The Beltsville Garden Club annual spring plant sales will be held on Saturdays, April 9 and May 7 from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Both sales are held in the parking lot at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville.

The April sale includes perennials, shrubs and trees. The May sale features annuals, vegetables and herbs in addition to perennials, shrubs and trees. Plants grown in the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse will also be available.

For more information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit the club website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Saturday, April 23, 7 a.m. to noon,
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Hyattsville

Wednesday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
University of Maryland Hillel Center, 7612 Mowatt Lane,
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Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Three new artists' exhibits are on display through May 2 – Gina Mai Denn's "A Small Case of the Blues (and Greens and other colors too)" of her favorite ceramic pieces; children's book author and illustrator Marian Williams' watercolors and acrylics titled "Hometown Memories;" and photographer Gary Jimerfield's most recent creations, titled "Examples: Selections from the Vault." Jimerfield specializes in nature and Southwestern landscapes and has branched out into studio work with miniatures and abstracts.

On Thursday, April 7 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. From 7 to 9 is the weekly open microphone night with music, prose, poetry, storytelling and comedy welcome. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. the Hot Club of DC plays gypsy jazz with Lynn Veronneau.

Crazy Quilt

The annual Crazy Quilt Festival is on Saturday, April 9 outside from 2 to 8 p.m. and inside with the Wharf Rats' reggae/rock jam from 8 to 11 p.m. (See ad on page 8.)

On Sunday, April 10 Jack Couldn't Make It plays old-time folk music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

There is a benefit for Japan on Wednesday, April 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. with Djesben performing to raise funds for Japan Earthquake Animal Rescue. Chris Colvin will DJ Japanese music between sets.

Saturday, April 16 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by the Unruly Blues Band from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, April 17 the Not-2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5 to 8 p.m. Lelehuna will provide pulsating and tranquil rhythms of Hawaii and Polynesia with folklore, music and fun – with Hawaiian shirts welcome though optional.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642.

County Summer Jobs for Youth

Prince George's County's Summer Youth Employment applications for young people age 15 through 21 are now available online. Application must be made online before April 29 and can be accessed by visiting the county webpage www.co.pg.md.us. From there go to Select a Service, scroll down to Youth Employment Services and follow the instructions. At the end of the process the applicant will be able to choose the category areas of interest before submitting the application.

The county Youth Employment Services and Summer Jobs Program provides county youth with an opportunity for a structured, supervised and quality work experience that builds skills and assists in career decision making. Applicants are referred for placement in county government, public sector or academic enhancement positions.

Next GCAN Meeting On Local Foodshed

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. The meeting will focus on how much food Greenbelt could grow.

Two local nonprofit organizations are considering the concept of creating a suburban local foodshed in Greenbelt, looking at models such as an Orchard Project that has planted 22 orchards on vacant land in the city of Philadelphia. There will be a discussion of a Greenbelt Suburban Foodshed Project including brainstorming on how to bring more local food growing to Greenbelt.

For more information email Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or call 301-345-2234.



City Notes

Planning staff met with representatives of Greenbelt Station South Core regarding possible revisions to development agreement and plans for the South Core. A parking enforcement officer needed police assistance after issuing a ticket which resulted in an arrest for outstanding warrants.

Recreation staff reported a beaver was spotted but seems to be staying in designated areas with no notice of any additional trees suffering beaver damage.

CARES

Director Liz Park testified before the House Judiciary Committee in support of House Bill 1190, Children in Need of Supervision (CINS) – Pilot Expansion. If approved this bill would allow Prince George's County to receive CINS program funding in Fiscal Year 2013. District Heights Youth and Family Services currently operates the CINS program for the county's Department of Juvenile Services. The bill would allow expansion of this program by adding a full-time case manager.



Greenbelt Baseball Major League Games

Opening day parade: April 10, noon (starts at pool)

Date	Time	Teams
Sunday, April 10	1:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Sunday, April 10	3:30 p.m.	Giants vs. Cardinals
Monday, April 11	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Tuesday, April 12	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Orioles
Wednesday, April 13	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Thursday, April 14	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Yankees
Friday, April 15	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Giants
*Friday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cubs

Most games are played at McDonald Field
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If you've thought about improving your smile, this guide can help you learn about the latest techniques in dentistry and cosmetic dental procedures.

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Radical Readers at Greenbelt Middle Celebrate with Dignitaries

by Anne Gardner

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and Greenbelt Middle School's Radical Readers shared a big day on March 31. The Media Center there was packed with dignitaries including the governor, Prince George's County Schools Superintendent William Hite and representatives from the offices of County Executive Rushern Baker and County Councilmember Ingrid Turner.

Also present at the event were school board members Peggy Higgins and Henry Armwood, mayors from Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights and most of the Greenbelt City Council. It was clear, however, that the most important people in the room were the approximately 30 students from grades 6 to 8 who had taken the challenge and become "Radical Readers."

The "Radical Readers" program, set up by the Maryland State Education Association and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, challenge students to read for 30 minutes on 30 consecutive days, as part of "Read Across Maryland" month and to keep a log of the books they read. Some students read as many as 32 books during the month and had written summaries of each of them.

Students at the event were rewarded with citations from Governor O'Malley and from Ingrid Turner's office. Students Nelson Chen and Aminata Diallo were also presented with Barnes and Noble "Nook" electronic readers and Kathryn Breon and Ja'Quan Brown received \$50 Barnes and Noble gift certificates for outstanding participation in the program. Additional "Nooks" were given to the school and to the Greenbelt library.

Governor's Words

The governor spoke eloquently to the students, telling them that the smarter they become, the better and stronger their city, county and state will also become. "The most fundamental and important skill of all," he told them, "is to read."

Although on a tight schedule, O'Malley, assisted by Superintendent Hite, also found time to read to the students Dr. Seuss' "Oh the Places You'll Go."

The program was coordinated at the school by 6th grade reading teacher Paula Davis, who told assembled parents and dignitaries that in her seven years of teach-



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At top, Kathryn Breon, flanked by Governor Martin O'Malley and School Superintendent William Hite, Jr., won a \$50 gift certificate.

Above, Nelson Chen, who won a Nook, shows his Governor's Citation Certificate.

ing, this was the most amazing program in which she had ever taken part. "It has changed my life as a teacher," she said, as she described how excited the students had become about being "radical readers."

Acting Principal Warren Tweedy also expressed pride in the students as he closed the event, releasing them to enjoy a pizza party before they returned to class.

Kids' Music, Dance At CPAE Afternoon

On Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. a free kids afternoon of music and dance presentations will be offered by the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) at the Old Parish House.

Samantha Fitschen, founder of New Chicago Dance Studio, will offer encouragement in creative movement and University of Maryland music education students will give each child a chance to try different musical instruments and experiment with pitch on the glass harmonica.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. For more details email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Book Club Discusses Cell Donation Impact

On Friday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Book Club will discuss Rebecca Skloot's book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." The book is the non-fiction story of a woman whose cells were used for scientific research, how they became the first "immortal" human cells grown in a culture and her family's reaction to this odd form of immortality.

The club reads and discusses literary nonfiction by women and meets at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Reel & Meal Film: "A Chemical Reaction"

The next film in the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal series is "A Chemical Reaction" and will be shown on Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The film series, which explores environmental and social justice issues, is sponsored by four local affinity groups. A buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.; there is no charge for the film.

The film depicts one of the most powerful, effective community initiatives on herbicides and pesticides in North America. Dr. June Irwin, a practicing dermatologist in Hudson, Quebec, fought chemical companies to a 2001 victory in the Supreme Court of Canada upholding Hudson's ban on

lawn herbicides and pesticides. Quebec banned the chemicals throughout the province, followed by bans in individual municipalities across Canada.

Veterinarian Dr. Diana Post, executive director of the Rachel Carson Council, who is featured in Chemical Reaction, will be present to answer questions and facilitate the discussion after the film. She has led the Carson Council's compilation of data on the health and environmental effects of pesticides. Public Works Assistant Director, Parks and Grounds, Lesley Riddle will also be present to talk about city pesticide policies and answer questions.

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